We claim:

1.   A multimedia player for delivering to a user a multimedia presentation comprising video content, a plurality of slides, and tangential content, the multimedia player comprising:

5   a presentation control unit which provides a graphical user interface on a display device for allowing the user to manipulate the multimedia presentation; and

a presentation script parsed by the presentation control unit;

wherein the presentation script directs the interrelated display of the video content, the plurality of slides, and the tangential content of the multimedia presentation;

10   wherein the graphical user interface comprises a video display region for displaying the video content, and a slide region for displaying the plurality of slides;

wherein each of the plurality of slides is associated with a subset of the tangential content; and

wherein each of the plurality of slides accesses the associated subset of tangential

15   content.

2.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a tangential presentation region for displaying the tangential content.

3.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the graphical user interface further comprises a control panel for controlling the video display region.

20   4.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the user must affirmatively select one of the plurality of slides to access the associated subset of tangential content.

5.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein at least one of the plurality of slides can automatically access the associated subset of tangential content without affirmative selection by the user.

6.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the multimedia presentation is directed to a procedure comprised of a plurality of steps;

wherein each of the plurality of steps in the procedure is associated with one of the plurality of slides.

5   7.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the presentation control unit and the presentation script are delivered to a computer over the Internet.

8.   The multimedia player from claim 1, wherein the video content and the tangential content are delivered to a computer over the Internet.

9.   A multimedia player for delivering to a user a presentation comprised of a video,
10   a plurality of tangential content, and a presentation script, wherein each of the plurality of slides is associated to one of the plurality of tangential content, and wherein each of the plurality of slides is also associated to a specific playback time or frame within the video, and wherein the presentation script describes the relationships among the video, the plurality of tangential content and the plurality of slides, the multimedia player
15   comprising:

a presentation control unit which provides the graphical user interface on a display device for displaying the video and the plurality of slides, and for allowing the user to manipulate the multimedia presentation; and

wherein the presentation control unit displays to the user the tangential content which
20   has been associated to one of the slides according to the presentation script.

10.   The multimedia player from claim 9, wherein the user must affirmatively select one of the plurality of slides for the presentation control unit to display the tangential content.

11.   The multimedia player from claim 9, wherein the presentation control unit
25   automatically accesses the associated subset of tangential content without affirmative selection by the user.

12. The multimedia player from claim 9, wherein the multimedia presentation is directed to a procedure comprised of a plurality of steps;

wherein each of the plurality of steps in the procedure is associated with one of the plurality of slides.

5 13. The multimedia player from claim 9, wherein the presentation control unit and the presentation script are delivered to a computer over the Internet.

14. The multimedia player from claim 9, wherein the video and the plurality of tangential content are delivered to a computer over the Internet.

15. A computerized method for delivering to a user a multimedia presentation comprised of a video and a plurality of tangential content, the method comprising:

controlling a graphical user interface on a display device for allowing the user to manipulate the multimedia presentation;

parsing a presentation script, wherein the presentation script comprises instructions describing the relationships between the plurality of tangential content to a plurality of slides, and the relationships between the plurality of slides and playback times or frames in the video; and

displaying to the user the multimedia presentation according to the presentation script.

16. The computerized method from claim 15, wherein the presentation script is delivered to a computer over the Internet.

20 17. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for delivering to a user a multimedia presentation comprised of a plurality of multimedia content, the method comprising:

controlling a graphical user interface on a display device for allowing the user to manipulate the multimedia presentation;

parsing a presentation script, wherein the presentation script comprises instructions describing the relationships between the plurality of tangential content to a plurality of slides, and the relationships between the plurality of slides and playback times or frames in the video; and

5   displaying to the user the multimedia presentation according to the presentation script.

18.   The computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method from claim 17, wherein the presentation script is delivered to a computer over the Internet.

19.   A computerized authoring tool for creating a multimedia presentation comprising:

10   a video content file and a plurality of tangential content, the authoring tool comprising;

a presentation control unit which provides a graphical user interface on a display device for allowing a user to manipulate the multimedia presentation;

wherein the graphical user interface comprises a video display region for displaying the video content file; a control panel for controlling the graphical user interface, and a 15   tangential content region for displaying the plurality of tangential content;

wherein the control panel allows a user to add a slide from a plurality of slides to the multimedia presentation, to associate the slide to a specific playback time or frame within the video content file and to associate one of the plurality of tangential content to the slide;

20   and wherein the presentation control unit creates a presentation script, wherein the presentation script comprises instructions describing the relationships between the plurality of tangential content to the plurality of slides, and the relationships between the plurality of slides and the playback times or frames in the video content file.

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20. A computerized method for creating a multimedia presentation, the multimedia presentation comprising a video, a plurality of slides, and a plurality of tangential content, the method comprising:

providing a video player for manipulating the video;

5   choosing a time or frame within the video to have the multimedia presentation display a slide from the plurality of slides;

associating tangential content from the plurality of tangential content to the slide; and

generating a presentation script to be parsed by a second video player, wherein the presentation script describes the relationships among the time or frame within the video,

10 the tangential content, and the slide.

21. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing a method for creating a multimedia presentation, the multimedia presentation comprising a video, a plurality of slides, and a plurality of tangential content, the method comprising:

15 providing a video player for manipulating the video;

choosing a time or frame within the video to have the multimedia presentation display a slide from the plurality of slides;

associating tangential content from the plurality of tangential content to the slide; and

generating a presentation script to be parsed by a second video player, wherein the

20 presentation script describes the relationships among the time or frame within the video, the tangential content, and the slide.